

# GEM STATE VOYAGERS

September 2013

GSV Meeting      Sept 4, 2013      GSV Headquarters

15 Attended - Duane & Charlotte Ash, Darlene Simpson, Theresa Stuck, Gary & Pam Westfall , Rex Bashaw, Vern Hoover, Carl Benson, Dell & Dana Ruddell, Terry & Norma Beadles, Brad & Jana Peer

Meeting was called to order by President Duane Ash

Minutes were read by Darlene Simpson – Secretary and approved

Treasurer's Report given by Charlotte Ash - \$450.62

R & J Logistics report: There will be a ride to Arrow Point on the lake in CDA Oct 12 – Rex has a place on the lake that sleeps 8 people and room for some sleeping bags (check w/ Rex for details)

50/50 - \$34/ \$17 Brad Peer – gave back to club – THANKS!

Old Business:

New Business

- Barton Brothers are having a Vintage Event Sept 28 – swap tales 10 – 3, 3pm ride the city Limits, up Spiral Highway and back to Rowdys for bite to eat. Meet at Barton Brothers shop on Thain
- Sept 28 – GSV – Orofino – Cavendish Loop – lunch at Orofino – lv JIB 10am – back in time for Barton Bros ride
- 9/6 – picnic ride – leave JIB – 6pm
- 9/14 -Boggans End of Summer lunch ride – leave Asotin Marina 10:30am
- 9/20 - picnic ride – leave JIB – 6pm
- Bob & Jean Decker may come to visit this fall
- Halloween Party Nov 2 – more details to follow – Theresa made motion & Dell second - passed
- Talk about what happened/ Western Regional Rally last month
- July trips were discussed

Events

- Next meeting October 2 - potluck - at GSV Headquarters – 2015 Powers Dr
- Check your ride calendars

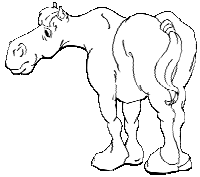
Meeting adjourned

Darlene Simpson - Secretary 8/7/2013

**Going Somewhere Vigilantly**  
(Or maybe in our case **Getting Some Vittles**)

## ANNIVERSARIES

**9-2 Darlene and Paul Simpson**  
**9-6 Duane and Roberta Persoon**  
**9-7 Steve and Sue Sharp**  
**9-10 Jim and Sue Gentry**



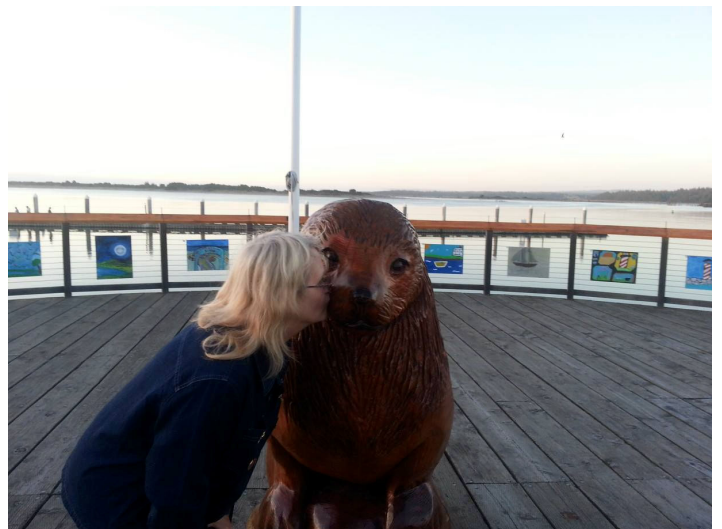
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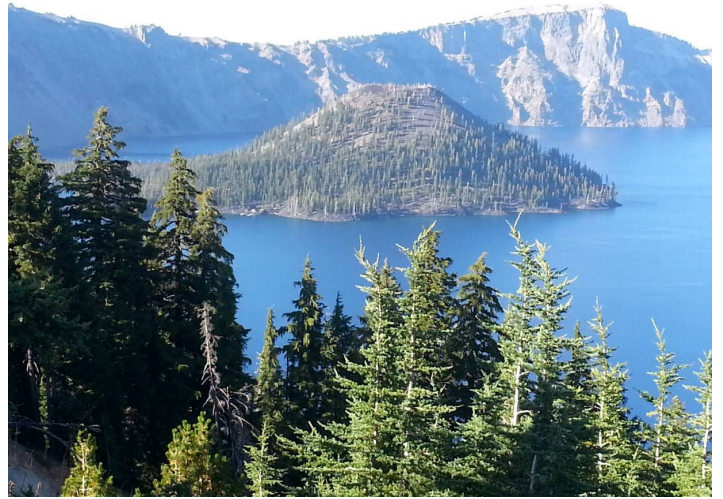
The kids are back in school, the temps are cooling down (a tad) and that means fall is almost here. THAT leads to WINTER! UGH. I'm not looking forward to that nasty 6-letter season. I hate not walking out my door and climbing on my bike. I hate not having weekly rides to look forward to. I really hate not being able to grab my hubby and the trailer and just take off. I do have good memories to rely on though.... rides with good friends, great food and wonderful scenery. Thank you all for those memories!

We do have a few more rides coming up, and I really hope to see a lot of you out there with us. This Saturday, September 14th we have a ride to Boggans for lunch. We leave Asotin Marina at 10:30 am. Weather permitting, we have one more picnic ride on September 20th, leaving JIB @ 6:00 pm. On September 21st the CMA is doing their St John-Endicott lunch ride, and on Saturday the 28th we do the Orofino-Cavendish loop with lunch at Orofino. Please join us! I'd love to see a good 15-bike group again!

Theresa

Members Brad Hollenbeck and Shirley Dobyns are on a trip down the Oregon and California coasts. Brad was kind enough to let me use some of his pictures from their trip!





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept	4	Wed	GSV Meeting-6:00 p.m
	6	Fri	Picnic Ride-leave JIB 6:00 pm
	14	Sat	Boggans end of season lunch ride. Leave Asotin Marina 10:30 am
	20	Fri	Picnic Ride-leave JIB 6:00 pm
	21	Sat	St John-Endicott Lunch ride (CMA). Leave JIB 10:00 am
	28	Sat	Orofino-Cavendish Loop. Lunch at Orofino. Leave JIB 10:00 am <b>BARTON BROS – VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RIDE – BS session with snacks and drinks starts at 10am; ride at 3pm around Lewiston City Limits &amp; up Spiral Hwy, then to Rowdy's for "beers and eats".</b>
Oct	2	Wed	GSV Meeting-6:00 p.m. Ashes residence 2015 Powers Drive, Lewiston. Potluck. Bring a dish to share, serving spoon and non-alcoholic beverage
	19	Sat	End of Pavement Ride (CMA). Leave Asotin Marina 10:00 am



## Sooooo many choices

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The phrase *'freedom to choose'* is heard frequently in motorcycle/biker circles and typically refers to the rider's freedom to choose whether or not to wear a helmet (rather than the wearing of a helmet being a legal requirement). In this article, I will apply the phrase 'freedom to choose' to a variety of other choices that riders are free to make. Scientists suggest that the majority of actions that people take in a given day are not so much out of a conscious choice, but more out of habit. In these cases, the choice comes into play in two ways:

1. When first forming the habit, it WAS a conscious choice.



2. Once the habit is formed, we choose to either let the habit 'run the show' or we choose to override our habit with a different conscious choice or we can even choose to replace the old habit with a new habit (not easy, but do-able).

Funny thing about the freedom to choose – we ARE free to choose our actions (and even to choose which habits we want to establish), but we are NOT free to choose the consequences of those actions. As the late Dr. Stephen Covey liked to say, '*When you pick up one end of the stick, you also pick up the other end of the stick.*' For example you can choose to ride fast – but then you can't choose to hit the asphalt slowly if you crash; you can choose to ride in a t-shirt and bandana, but then you can't choose how the asphalt will affect your skin and head if you fall; you can choose not to learn and practice braking skills, but then you can't choose to brake skillfully in an emergency.

Here is a list of just a few of the choices that – as riders – we are free to make (I'll leave the consequences of the decisions to your imagination). What I have listed here are choices that I make and choices that we encourage all riders to make to increase the odds of preventing and surviving a crash.

As motorcycle riders, we can choose to:

- Learn about countersteering and cornering dynamics and practice
- Learn how fear and tension can lead a rider to run wide in a turn
- Dress in gear that protects our skin from dehydration and sunburn
- Dress in gear that is weather appropriate for comfort (vented for hot weather, layered or even heated for cold weather, waterproof for rain, etc.)
- Dress in gear that protects our body and head from bugs, wind, dirt, and debris
- Dress in gear that will reduce or even prevent injury in the event of a crash (abrasion resistant, armored, impact resistant)
- Dress in gear that makes it easier for other drivers to see us (bright colors, reflective material)
- Ride sober and show our fellow riders that we care enough to intervene and prevent them from riding impaired
- Carry insurance (motorcycle insurance, disability insurance, and – I almost hate to say it – but yes, life insurance, too) so that if something bad happens, we can at least pay the bills and not leave our loved ones in a financial mess
- Ride with courtesy, share the road, and help all road users get home to their loved ones without incident
- Maintain a space cushion around us so that if we need to swerve, accelerate, brake, or change lane position, there is time and space to do so safely
- Ride with a good following distance (we recommend 3 seconds as a minimum)
- Stop 15-20 feet back from the car in front of us to allow room to escape (and not breathe in so much exhaust!)
- Keep the bike in gear when stopped in traffic so we are ready to escape if needed (like to avoid being rear-ended)

And there are many others. Of course, riders ARE free to make different (or even opposite) choices. As mentioned above, consequences come with either choice. I encourage you to make the choices that are right for you, your future, and your loved ones. If you have any other smart choices you make when riding, share in the comments below. Enjoy the rest of Idaho's beautiful summer and fall riding.

Ride well, ride lots, ride smart.

~Ax

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